United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio

Bankruptcy Fee Chart

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General Provisions

Source Material

- Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, Effective December 1, 2016 (Misc Fee Schedule)
- Bankruptcy Fee Compendium III (Compendium)
- Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule
- United States Code, Titles 5, 11, 18, and 28 (U.S.C.)
- Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (Fed. R. Bankr. P.)
- Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (Fed. R. App. P.)
- Bankruptcy Forms
- GSA Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Mileage Reimbursement Rates

Methods of Payment:

- The filing fee must be in cash, cashier's check, money order, check, or credit card. A debtor's personal check or credit card shall not be accepted; payment must be made in the form of cash or money order. Only cash or money order may be accepted by a second party filing on behalf of the debtor. [Internal Controls, §§ 3.03b and c]
- Third party checks shall not be accepted. Cashiers shall not accept negotiable instruments made out only to the name of the Clerk personally or made out to someone else and endorsed to the court. [Internal Controls, § 3.03d]
- Foreign currency shall not be accepted. [Internal Controls, § 3.03f]
- A list, as approved by the Clerk, of persons or entities whose checks will not be accepted will be sent by the administrative manager to all deputy clerks in charge and updated regularly. [Internal Controls, § 3.03e]

Refunds:

• The Judicial Conference prohibits refunding the fees due upon filing, even if the party filed the case in error, and even if the court dismisses the case or proceeding. However, the clerk must refund any fee collected without authority. [Fee Compendium III, Part B(2)]

Installment Payments:

- An individual filing a voluntary individual case, or a husband and wife filing a voluntary joint case, may pay the filing fees in installments, if the petition is accompanied by the debtor's signed application on the appropriate Official Form stating that the debtor is unable to pay the filing fee except in installments. "Filing fees" includes any fee payable at the time the petition is filed, including the miscellaneous administrative fee and, in chapter 7 cases, the chapter 7 trustee surcharge. [Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b)(1); Compendium, Parts A(10) and B(3)]
- The number of installments may not exceed four, and the final installment must be paid no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition, although the judge may extend the time to 180 days. [Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b)(2)]

Effect of Dismissal:

• The debtor's obligation to pay the filing fee is unchanged by a dismissal. These fees are still due and the clerk has an obligation to pursue collection. However, if the debtor with unpaid fees files a new petition, the clerk must stop all action to collect the unpaid fees; the court is merely an unsecured creditor in the new case.

[Compendium, Part B(3)(C)(4) and I(1)]

Exceptions to Fees:

• Court Staff Only: For complete information on fee exceptions, see the document titled "Fee Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers" on the Tools and Resources menu of the court's website.

Initial Filing Fees			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7 (Voluntary)	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee \$335 Total Fee		 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(1)(A) Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8 and 9 Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 7 (Involuntary)	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee \$335 Total Fee	Installment payments are not permitted.	 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(1)(A) Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b) Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8 and 9 Compendium, Parts A(10), B(1)(A), B(1)(C), B(1)(D), B(1)(F), B(3), and B(5)(I)
Chapter 9	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 550 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,717 Total Fee		 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(2) Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8
Chapter 11 (Non-RR)	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 550 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,717 Total Fee		 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(3) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 11 (RR)	\$1,167 Filing Fee <u>\$ 550 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,717 Total Fee		 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(4) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 12	\$200 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$275 Total Fee		 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(5) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 Compendium, Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 13	\$235 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$310 Total Fee		 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(1)(B) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 8 Compendium Parts B(1)(A) and B(1)(C)
Chapter 15	\$1,167 Filing Fee \$ 550 Adm. Fee \$1,717 Total Fee	• Fee is derived from and equal to the fee prescribed in 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(3) for filing a case commenced under Chapter 11 of Title 11.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8 and 15 Compendium, Parts B(1)(A), B(1)(C), and B(1)(E)

Fees for Splitting (Dividing) Cases			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee \$335 Total Fee	• When a debtor requests the court to split a joint case, the clerk must collect a fee equal to the filing fee for the chapter under which the joint case is pending as of the date the court splits the joint case.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Items 8, 9 and 18 Compendium, Parts A(6)(B), B(1)(D), B(5)(I), C(1), and C(2)
Chapter 11	\$1,167 Filing Fee \$ 550 Adm. Fee \$1,717 Total Fee	 No fee if: The court splits a case either sua sponte or at the request of a party other than one of the joint debtors, or The only reason for the split is to dismiss one of 	
Chapter 12	\$200 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$275 Total Fee	the two resulting individual cases, and the court actually dismisses one of the joint debtors. A consolidated or jointly administered case is subsequently split.	
Chapter 13	\$235 Filing Fee \$ 75 Adm. Fee \$310 Total Fee		

Fees for Converting Cases

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$1,167 Ch 11 Filing_Fee - <u>\$ 245 Ch 7 Filing Fee</u> \$ 922 Conversion Fee	 The fee applies when the conversion is at the debtor's request. The fee is due after the court grants the debtor's 	 28 U.S.C. § 1930 Compendium, Parts A(6)(C), D(1)(A)
Conversion from Chapter 12 to Chapter 11	No Fee	 motion. The amount of the fee depends upon the chapter to which the case is converted. If converting to a 	
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$1,167 Ch 11 Filing Fee - \$ 235 Ch 13 Filing Fee \$ 932 Conversion Fee	 chapter with a higher filing fee, the fee is the difference between the two filing fees. There is no refund when converting to a chapter with a lower filing fee. 	
Reconversion to Chapter 11	No Fee	• No fee for <i>sua sponte</i> conversions.	

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Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority	
Conversion from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7	\$15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee/ Conversion Fee	 Filing fee applies to both a motion to convert and a debtor's notice of conversion. The conversion fee is due when a party files either a motion to convert, or a notice of conversion to chapter 7. If trustee is movant, fee is payable only from the estate that existed before conversion. 	 11 U.S.C. § 1208(a) 11 U.S.C. § 1307(a) Misc Fee Schedule, Items 9 and 10 Compendium, Parts A(6)(C) and D(1)(B) 	
Conversion from Chapter 12 to Chapter 7	\$245 Ch 7 Filing Fee - \$200 Ch 12 Filing Fee + \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee \$ 60 Conversion Fee	 If more than one party file motions to convert to chapter 7, each party must pay conversion fee; if several parties join in a single motion, only one fee is due. A notice of conversion must be accepted with or without the fee. No fee for sua sponte conversions. 		
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7	\$245 Ch 7 Filing Fee - \$235 Ch 13 Filing Fee + \$15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee \$ 25 Conversion Fee	 If a joint chapter 12 or chapter 13 case splits before the debtors file notices of conversion, each debtor must pay a separate conversion fee, and file a separate notice of conversion. If a joint chapter 12 or chapter 13 case first converts to chapter 7 then splits, only one conversion fee is due. 		
Reconversion to Chapter 7	\$15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee/ Conversion Fee	Trustee receives two payments, one for the original case and one when the case is converted back.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 10 Compendium, Part D(4) 	
Conversion from Chapter 11 to Chapter 12	No Fee		Compendium, Part D(1)(B)(9)	
Conversion from Chapter 11 to Chapter 13	No Fee			
Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 12	No Fee		Compendium, Part D(1)	
Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 13	No Fee			
Conversion from Chapter 12 to Chapter 13	No Fee			
Conversion from Chapter 13 to Chapter 12	No Fee			

Fees for Reopening Cases			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 15 Ch 7 Trustee Fee \$260 Total Fee	• Fee is equal to the filing fee for the chapter under which the case was pending as of the date the party files the request.	 Misc Fee Schedule: Items 9 and 11 Compendium: Parts A(6)(I), B(5)(I), and (J)(1)
Chapter 9	\$1,167	 Fee is charged when a case has been closed without a discharge being entered. Judge may waive the fee, or defer payment of the fee from trustees pending discovery of additional assets. 	
Chapter 11	\$1,167	If installments of the original filing fee are due when a debtor files a motion to reopen, the debtor must pay the remaining installments and the reopening fee.	
Chapter 12	\$200	 No fee for the following: Reopening to correct an administrative error made by the clerk or the court 	
Chapter 13	\$235	 Reopening to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4007(b) Reopening by debtor when a creditor is alleged to 	
Chapter 15	\$1,167	be in violation of the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 524. Reopening to redact personal identifiers.	
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Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Motion to Terminate, Annul, Modify, or Condition Automatic Stay	\$181	 No fee for the following: Motion for relief from the co-debtor stay Stipulation for court approval of an agreement for relief from stay Motion filed by child support creditor or representative of such, but only if appropriate 	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19 Compendium, Parts A(6)(E) and F(1)(A) and F(2) Bankruptcy Form B 2810

waiver form is filed.

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Motion to Compel Abandonment of Property under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6007(b)	\$181	 No fee for the following: Trustee abandons property of the estate by notice Trustee files a motion seeking a "comfort order." Parties other than trustee must file a motion to abandon property and pay the fee, even if the motion is accompanied by a document titled "Abandonment" signed by the case trustee. If a party combines a motion for relief from the automatic stay with a motion to compel the trustee to abandon property of the estate, only a single fee is due. 	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19 Compendium, Parts F(1)(A) and F(3)
Motion to Withdraw the Reference of a Case or Proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(d)	\$181	Includes motions to withdraw the reference of the administrative case, an adversary proceeding, or a contested proceeding.	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19 Compendium, Parts F(1)(A) and (B)
To Sell Property of the Estate Free and Clear of Liens Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f)	\$181		Misc Fee Schedule, Item 19

Fees for Adversary Pro	Fees for Adversary Proceedings			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority	
Adversary Proceeding	\$350	 No fee for the following: Adversary Proceeding filed by debtor or the United States Adversary Proceeding filed by debtor-in-possession in chapters 11 and 12 to determine dischargeability of a claim Adversary Proceeding filed by debtor-in-possession acting for the benefit of the individual debtor Adversary Proceeding filed by child support creditors or their representative, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed Adding parties or adding a third-party complaint to an Adversary Proceeding that has been commenced If the complaint is filed by the trustee or debtor-in-possession, the fee must be paid only by the estate, to the extent there is an estate. 	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 6 Compendium, Parts A(6)(F), and G(1) Bankruptcy Form B 2810 	
Adversary Proceeding Initiated by the Debtor in Possession Acting for the Benefit of the Estate	\$350		 11 U.S.C. § 363(h) – sale interest of the estate and of a co-owner in property 11 U.S.C. § 542(a) – turnover 11 U.S.C. § 544 – "strong arm" avoidance 11 U.S.C. § 545 – statutory lien avoidance 11 U.S.C. § 547(a) – preference avoidance 11 U.S.C. § 548(a) – fraudulent transfer avoidance 11 U.S.C. § 550 – recovery of avoided transfer from a transferee 11 U.S.C. § 553(a) – recovery of setoff Compendium, Part G(1)(C)(1)(a) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 6 	
Notice of Removal	\$350		• Compendium, Part G(1)(A)	

Fees for Appeals			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Notice of Appeal or Cross Appeal: BAP or District Court Notice of Appeal or Cross Appeal: Direct to Court of Appeals Motion for Leave to Appeal	\$293 Docketing Fee \$ 5 Notice of Appeal Fee \$298 Total Fee \$293 Docketing Fee \$ 5 Notice of Appeal Fee \$298 Preliminary Fee (If a direct appeal is accepted by the Court of Appeals, an additional fee of \$207 is required, for a total fee of \$505.) \$5 Notice of Appeal Fee (If the court grants the motion, the \$293 Docketing Fee is required, for a total fee of \$298.)	 There are no exemptions to the \$5 notice of appeal fee (unless in forma pauperis status) since it is imposed by statute. Except as provided above, no fee for the following: The United States is the appellant Child support creditor is the appellant, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed. Parties filing a joint notice of appeal pay only one fee. The clerk must accept a notice of appeal even if the appeal is submitted without a fee. [In re Winner Corp., 632 F.2d 658 (6th Circ., 1980)] Fees for appeals and cross-appeals by trustees and DIPs are payable only from the estate, only to the extent any estate is realized. This exception applies only to the \$293 docketing fee required by the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, and has no effect on the \$5 notice of appeal fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(c). 	 28 U.S.C. § 1930(c) Fed. R. App. P. 3(A) Misc Fee Schedule, Item 14 Compendium, Parts A(6)(G) and H(1) Bankruptcy Form B 2810

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Amendment to Schedules, Lists of Creditors, or Mailing List	\$31	 Judge may waive the fee for good cause. Fee assessed per filing, not per change. No fee for the following: Changing the address of a listed creditor or an attorney for a creditor listed on schedules. Adding the name and address of an attorney for a creditor listed on schedules. No fee when a debtor files a schedule of post-petition debts after converting from a chapter 13 to a chapter 7. 	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 4 Compendium, Part K(5)(D)

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Archives Retrieval	\$64	 Fee for retrieving a file from Federal Records Center or National Archives. If a file must be retrieved because the court reopened the case, the retrieval fee is charged, even when no reopening fee is charged. A fee is collected for each case file retrieved. If the court consolidates several cases for disposition but the case files are filed separately with the Federal Records Center or National Archives, a fee is charged for each file separately stored. If file is stored prior to expiration of time for appeal, no fee is charged for retrieval. Federal Records Center can process on-line requests for copies of archived documents. To process an online request, go to www.ohnb.uscourts.gov and select the ECF and Case Info menu and click on the Case Information link for National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Fee is for one file or up to one box 	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 12 Compendium, Part K(5)(G)
Archives Retrieval	\$39	• Fee is for Each Additional Box of Archived Files After the First Box Fee of \$64.	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 12Compendium, Part K(5)(G)
Electronic Archives Retrieval (SmartScan)	\$10 \$9.90 \$.65 (per page, 100 page max)	Fees are for electronic retrievals (SmartScan), \$10 Judiciary Administrative Fee, plus \$9.90 FRC Electronic Retrieval Fee, plus \$.65 per page fee. Plus any charges assessed by the Federal Records Center, National Archives, or other storage location removed from the place of business of the courts.	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 12
Certification	\$11	 Certification fee applies regardless of whether clerk makes certification directly on the document or by separate instrument. Combined search and certification require the clerk to collect both fees as well as copies fees if they apply. 	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 2 Compendium, Part K(5)(B)

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees [continued]			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Copies of Record or Paper	\$.50 per page	 Fee applies to paper copies of original documents, microfiche or microfilm, or electronic files. Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of United States only if the record or paper is available through electronic access. Fee applies when faxing documents. 	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 1 Compendium, Part K(5)(A)
Exemplification	\$22	• Combined search and certification require the clerk to collect both fees as well as copies fees if they apply.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 2 Compendium, Part K(5)(B)(1)
Interdistrict Transfers	No Fee	 The clerk transfers both the case file and the collected fees when the parties transfer a case pending under chapter 7 from one district to another. The clerk transfers the case file only when the parties transfer a case pending under chapter 11, chapter 12, or chapter 13 from one district to another; the clerk transfers no fees when the parties transfer cases under these chapters. 	• Compendium, Parts A(6)(D) and E
Miscellaneous Case	\$47	 The fee is charged for the following: A request to register a judgment entered in another district A motion for a protective order or motion to quash a subpoena issued in a case pending in another district A request to perpetuate testimony concerning a potential adversary proceeding under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7027 A request to register a discharge order under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4004 (f) A request to register with the court a document not in a case or proceeding. 	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 7 Compendium, Part K(5)(F)
Payment Returned of Denied for Insufficient Funds	\$53	Fee may be waived if the clerk resubmits the check and it then clears.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 13 Compendium, Part K(5)(H)

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees [continued]				
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority	
Recording Duplication	\$31	 Fee applies to each recording or for each portion of a recording reproduced. Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of United States only if the record or paper is available through electronic access. 	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 3 Compendium, Part K(4)(C) 	
Redaction of Records	\$25	 Fee applies to each motion to redact. The court may waive this fee under appropriate circumstances. Reopening fee must not be charged if redaction is the only reason for reopening. 	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 21	
Registry of Funds	A percentage of interest earned on the investment, not to exceed 10%	A fee schedule is issued by the AO.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 17 Compendium, Part K(5)(K) 	
Search of Records	\$31	Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the information requested is available through electronic access.	 Misc Fee Schedule, Item 5 Compendium, Part K(5)(E) 	
Transfer of Claim	\$25	Fee applies to each claim transferred in bankruptcy cases.	Misc Fee Schedule, Item 20	
Witness Fee	\$40 per day		• 11 U.S.C. § 503 (b)(6) • 28 U.S.C. § 1821(b)	
Witness Mileage	\$.54 per mile		 5 U.S.C. § 5704 28 U.S.C. § 1821(c)(2) GSA Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Mileage Reimbursement Rates 	

Miscellaneous Administrative Fees [continued]				
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority	
Fee Schedule for Electronic Public Access				
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority	
Viewing Electronic Records	\$.10 per page for PACER	 Total for any document, docket sheet, or case-specific report not to exceed the fee for 30 pages, i.e., \$3.00. One free copy of all electronically filed documents to attorneys of record and parties in a case, including pro se litigants. Charges will be billed when they exceed \$15 each quarterly billing cycle. No fees from federal agencies funded from judiciary appropriations. No fees from bankruptcy case trustees. Judges may, upon a showing of cause, exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, court-appointed pro bono attorneys, and pro bono ADR neutrals from payment of these fees. 	Compendium, Parts A(6)(K) and L Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, Item I	
Printing Electronic Records at Customer Service area	\$.10 per page	Fee applies to requests for services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record requested is available on the court's electronic access system.	 Compendium, Part A(6)(K) Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, Item II 	
PACER Search	\$30		Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, Item III	